

Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the Specification at the locations indicated, where strikethroughs and double brackets indicate deletions and underlining indicates additions, as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 1 through line 21, as follows:

The marker attachment device 40 is disposed on a first end or arm 32 of the open-ended frame 30. Preferably, there is a marker attachment device 40 on both the first arm 32 and a second end or arm 33 of the open-ended frame 30. As best shown in Fig. 2, each marker attachment device 40 has a plurality of marker attachment points 44a-44h for fiducial markers 48. The fiducial markers 48 may be any type of fiducial marker compatible with magnetic resonant imaging (MRI), Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT scan) or other surgical imaging and/or guidance equipment as is known in the art. Each of the marker attachment points can be a threaded socket, a threaded post, a through-hole, a post, a socket, a detent, and the like as would be obvious to one skilled in the art. In effect, any attachment mechanism may be implemented for temporarily or permanently mounting fiducial markers 48 to the marker attachment device 40 and/or open-ended frame 30 without departing from the present invention. Preferably, the first arm 32 has at least one marker attachment point 44a-44h ~~48a-48h~~ that receives fiducial markers 48 and the second arm 33 has a plurality of marker attachment points 44a-44h ~~48a-48h~~ that receive fiducial markers 48, and at least two of the marker attachment points 44a-44h ~~48a-48h~~ of the second arm 33 are configured to receive fiducial markers 48 in different orientations with respect to the open-ended frame 30 and each other 44a-44h ~~48a-48h~~. Each marker attachment device 40 has multiple, distinct geometric surfaces and the marker attachment points 44a-44h ~~48a-48h~~ are disposed on two or more of the surfaces of the marker attachment device 40 thereby facilitating arranging the fiducial markers 48 in different orientations with respect to the open-ended frame 30 and some other fiducial markers 48. Thus, fiducial markers 48 on each of the arms 32, 33 can be arranged in two or more dimensions with respect to the arm 32, 33 to which they are attached.